

KINGSCLERE AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1973

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Pests Control Officer

R. Jones

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To the Chairman and Members of the Kingsclere & Whitchurch Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for 1973, prepared as directed by the Department of Health and Social Security. This report is not complete as many of the statistics are not yet available. These, however, will be issued in April or May to the new Area Health Authorities, who will be able to pass duplicate copies to the new local Authorities.

The District Community Physician for the North Hampshire National Health Service District has not yet been appointed. This officer will be the proper officer to the new Basingstoke District Council.

I should like to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector and the staff of his and my Departments for their help in the compilation of this Report.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. G. CARSON

Medical Officer of Health



## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area : 77,392 acres

Population : The estimated mid-year population was 28,860.

The population trend of the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District is as follows :

1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
25,230	25,690	26,170	26,730	27,320	27,660	28,250	28,110	28,450	28,860

The rateable value of the District was : £2,748, 956

Estimated product of the penny rate was : £26,440

The number of inhabited houses was : 9,627

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

There were no cases under these Acts in the district, in 1973.



# COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of infectious diseases notified in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District in 1973 was 31.

Table showing number and types of infectious diseases notified :

Diseases	Number
Measles	26
Shigella Sonnei dysentery	1
Suspected Food Poisoning	1
Scarlatina	1
Tuberculosis	2
Total	31

## Measles

The following table shows the distribution of measles in age groups :

	Under 1yr	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-25	25+	Age un- known	Total
Males	-	-	-	1	1	6	-	-	-	-	8
Females	1	-	1	-	3	13	-	-	-	-	18
Total	1	-	1	1	4	19	-	-	-	-	26

## Tuberculosis

There were two new cases of tuberculosis in the district in 1973.  
No cases were removed from the Register and there were no inward transfers.

### Tuberculosis in Kingsclere & Whitchurch Rural District in 1973

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
New Cases	-	-	2	-	2
Inward Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Number on Register as at 31.12.73	102	73	17	26	218
	175		43		

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

### Poliomyelitis

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was offered to all persons under 40 years of age. The vaccine generally used is the oral (Sabin) type of vaccine which is easier to administer to children. It is important to ensure that the highest possible acceptance rate, especially among young children, is maintained.

The following table shows the number of persons under 16 years immunised against poliomyelitis in 1973 in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District.

Age Groups	Numbers immunised
Children born in 1973	-
" " in 1972	343
" " in 1971	127
" " in 1970	9
" " in 1969 - 1966	6
Others under 16 years	5
Reinforcing doses under 16 years	747
Total	1,237

### Measles Vaccination

Vaccination against measles began in April 1968; and was confined to children under seven years. In November, 1968, this was extended to children up to fifteen years of age. Cases of measles notified were:-

1968	:	95	1971	:	127
1969	:	10	1972	:	9
1970	:	68	1973	:	26

In 1973, 591 children under 16 years were vaccinated against measles.

### German Measles Vaccination

Vaccination is now offered to girls from 11 to 14 years of age. One hundred and twenty-one were protected in 1973 in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District.

### Smallpox Vaccination

The following table shows the number of vaccinations of age groups under 16 years carried out in the district in 1973:

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary	Re-vaccination
0 - 3 months	-	
4 - 6 months	-	
7 - 9 months	-	
10 - 12 months	-	
1 year	13	-
2 - 6 years	27	3
7 - 16 years	13	136

### Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccination

The most frequently used agent is Triple Antigen which contains antigens of diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. This reduces the number of injections necessary, which are usually commenced when the infant is about three months old. The antigens, given combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately.

The following table shows the completed courses and booster doses given in 1973 :-

Type of Antigen	Primary Course	Booster Course
Triple	472	24
Diphtheria/Tetanus	5	519



COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

for the year 1973

<u>Area Nursing Officer</u>	:	Mrs. A. Oakley
<u>Health Visitors</u>	:	Mrs. T. Annals Miss B. Butler Miss W. Copestake Mrs. E. M. Crone Mrs. P. Walker
<u>District Nurses/Midwives</u>	:	Mrs. M. Cooper Miss G. Hallam Mrs. M. E. James Mrs. M. Kieron Mrs. W. Little Mrs. A. Lockey - to 30.4.73 Miss C. C. Read - from 1.10.73 Miss E. M. Smith - to 30.9.73 Mrs. B. Tofield Miss S. M. T. Tolddi
<u>District Nurses</u>	:	Mrs. E. J. Childs Mrs. M. E. Heath (part-time) Mrs. D. Roberts Mrs. C. A. Snook (part-time)

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Burnham Copse	Community Centre, Tadley.	Each Wednesday (closed June 73)
Kingsclere	Red Cross Centre	1st, 3rd & 4th Thursday
Overton	St. Mary's Hall	Each Friday
Tadley	Holmwood Health Centre, Franklin Avenue.	Each Wednesday
Tadley	Memorial Hall	2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesday
Woolton Hill	Church Hall	3rd Wednesday
Bishops Green	Social Centre	2nd Thursday
Whitchurch	The Surgery	Each Monday

### SUMMARY OF VISITS

Animal Boarding Establishments	10
Atmospheric Pollution	37
Caravans and Sites	125
Drainage	69
Factories	46
Food Premises, Vehicles, Inspection and Sampling	637
Housing	1,560
Infectious and Notifiable Diseases (including food poisoning)	93
Noise Abatement	21
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	255
Petroleum Storage	180
Public Health - nuisances, etc.	424
Rodent Control	38
Swimming Baths - including sampling	61
Water Supplies - including sampling	145
Miscellaneous	<u>245</u>
Total	<u><u>3,946</u></u>

Whilst the total number of visits was slightly less than in 1972, there was a considerable increase in inspections of food premises and delivery vehicles. The number of visits in relation to occupational health also showed an increase.

The work done by the Pests Control Officer is summarised later in this Report.

## COMPLAINTS

One hundred and twenty-six complaints were received in the following categories :-

Drainage	18
Atmospheric Pollution	16
Food	14
Offensive Odours	13
Animals so Kept	8
Caravans	8
Housing	8
Dampness	6
Noise	6
Watercourses	6
Deposits of Waste	5
Water	3
Food Hygiene	2
Lack of Toilet Facilities	2
Miscellaneous	<u>11</u>
Total	: <u><u>126</u></u>

## INFORMAL NOTICES

Four hundred and three informal notices were served during the year, in the following categories. This is an increase of one hundred and forty-six over the previous year. The figures show a greater emphasis of work under the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act.

Food Hygiene (including delivery vehicles)	133
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	90
Petroleum Storage	78
Housing	17
Factories Acts	16
Drainage	12
Caravans	11
Keeping of Animals	8
Atmospheric Pollution	7
Animal Manure	7
Water	7
Food	3
Sanitary Accommodation for Customers	3
Noise	2
Miscellaneous	9
Total	<u>403</u>



## HOUSING

### Housing Act, 1957

The following action was taken during the year in respect of unfit houses :-

Number of houses demolished	:	4
Number of houses made fit	:	4

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A Government White Paper "Better Homes - The Next Priorities" was published during the year. Included in the recommendations were :-

- (a) a prohibition on the approval of grants to owner/occupiers in respect of properties above a gross value of £200.
- (b) a prohibition on grants for second homes.
- (c) a prohibition on speculative builders receiving grants.

### Discretionary & Standard Grants

Details for 1973 were as follows. Figures in brackets are for 1972.

Number and value of Discretionary Grants approved :-

112	(68)	£59,842.91
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Number and value of Standard Grants approved :-

5	(13)	£1,524.06
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These figures show a continued increase in the number of complete modernisations by help from improvement grants and a decrease in the number of standard grants used just to provide basic amenities.

Number of Grants for each Parish :-

	<u>Standard Grants</u>	<u>Improvement Grants</u>
Ashmansworth	0	2
Baughurst	0	9
Burghclere	1	15
East Woodhay	0	29
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton	0	2
Highclere	0	7
Hurstbourne Priors	0	0
Kingsclere	1	15
Laverstoke	0	0
Litchfield & Woodcott	0	0
Newtown	1	3
Overton	1	8
St. Mary Bourne	1	3
Tadley	0	3
Whitchurch	0	16
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Totals :	5	112
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## CARAVAN SITES

All sites in the area are privately owned. Details were :-

1. Number of site licences operating  
as at 31st December 1973
  - (a) Individual 35
  - (b) Multiple (more than 3) 1
2. Total number of caravans 53
3. Number of contraventions dealt  
with informally 11
4. Number of exempted.  
Organisation Certificates for use  
of members with touring caravans 4

## FOOD

### Registrations

Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 were as follows :-

Sale of Ice-Cream	:	73
Manufacture of Sausages etc	:	12
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Total	:	85
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### Food Hygiene

The numbers of premises in the area in 1973 were as listed below :-

Grocery & General Stores	51
Hotels & Public Houses	48
School Canteens & Kitchens	28
Butchers	17
Village Halls etc.	16
Sweet Shops	10
Garages selling ice-cream	10

Greengrocers	8
Fish & Chip and/or Wet Fish Shops	6
Restaurants & Cafes	6
Food Producing Premises	5
Clubs, etc.	5
Wine Merchants	4
Bakeries	4
Confectioners	4
Factory Canteens	3
Rest homes with Catering Facilities	2
Dairy Products	2

Total	:	<u>229</u>
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### Unsound Food

The following food was surrendered as being unfit for human consumption and destroyed :-

Frozen Food	3 cwt	15 lb	0 oz
Carcase Meat	2 cwt	58 lb	8 oz
Flour		75 lb	0 oz
Dried Milk		42 lb	8 oz
Offal		8 lb	0 oz
Canned Food		5 lb	12 oz

Total	:	<u>6 cwt</u>	<u>92 lb</u>	<u>12 oz</u>
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Fewer refrigerator breakdowns were reported during the year.

### Ice-Cream

Samples of the various makes and types of ice-cream sold in the district were taken during the year on a routine basis. The results were as follows :-

<u>Samples Taken</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
37	27	3	4	3

All unsatisfactory reports (Grades 3 & 4) were taken up with the Public Health Department of the district in which the product was manufactured. In one case a fault was found on the wrapping machine. One batch of ice-cream was withdrawn from sale and returned to the manufacturer.



## Milk and Dairies

Twenty-one premises have licences for the sale of designated milk.

One pasteurising dairy, using the holder process, operated in the district.

## Milk

The following samples were taken during the year :-

Product	Taken	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Positive Brucella
Pasteurised	30	0	30	N/A
Channel Island Pasteurised	24	0	24	N/A
Sterilised	14	0	14	N/A
U.H.T.	22	0	22	N/A
Untreated	19	4	15	1
TOTALS	109	4	105	1

N/A = Not applicable

The frequency of sampling pasteurised and sterilised milk was reduced in view of the fact that all results from this type of milk have been satisfactory since regular sampling commenced in 1971.

The increase in the number of Ultra Heat Treated milk samples was as a result of more manufacturers of this product selling the milk within the district.

Untreated samples were collected from the producer retailers licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and unsatisfactory results were referred to the Ministry for their investigation.

## Washed Milk Bottles

Sets of washed bottles submitted for examination obtained the following results :-

<u>Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Fairly Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
13	7	4	2

Six washed bottles were submitted as a set and the results were given as an average bacteriological count of the six bottles.

### Knackers Yards

There was one small knackers yard licensed in the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District in 1973. Operations were carried out in a satisfactory manner.

### Slaughtermen

Four slaughtermen hold licences. Three work at the knackers yard.

### OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The figures submitted to the Department of Employment were as follows :-

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	3	41	38
Retail Shops	5	73	73
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	0	0	0
Catering Establishments open to public : Canteens	2	9	9
Fuel Storage Depots	0	3	3
Totals	10	126	123

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises : 255

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises, by workplace :-

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	403
Retail Shops	227
Wholesale shops and warehouses	0
Catering Establishments open to the public : canteens	47
Fuel Storage Depots	14
Total	691
Males	306
Females	385

The increase in the number of employees in offices was due mainly to three large premises which had been registered as factories and thus dealt with by H.M. Inspector of Factories, being taken off the factory register and thus becoming the Local Authority's responsibility. These altered arrangements were made at the very end of the year and consequently the premises were not inspected.

#### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

There were four licensed establishments in the district in 1973. The total number of animals covered by the licences was 137 dogs and 92 cats.

#### GAME DEALERS LICENCES

Thirteen licences were renewed and one new licence issued.

#### PETROLEUM STORAGE

Ninety licences were in force at the end of the year. Every premise was being inspected and consultations carried out with the Fire Authority prior to renewal. This work passes to the County Council on re-organisation of Local Government.



## WATER SUPPLIES

Properties in the District served by mains water are as follows :-

	Served by Mains Water piped into Houses		Served by Mains Water from Stand Pipes	
	<u>Dwellings</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Dwellings</u>	<u>Population</u>
Ashmansworth	64	160	-	-
Baughurst	755	2,114	-	-
Burghclere	334	837	-	-
East Woodhay	638	1,751	-	-
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton	248	615	1	1
Highclere	237	613	-	-
Hurstbourne Priors	85	233	-	-
Kingsclere	1,360	4,080	5	5
Laverstoke	102	279	-	-
Litchfield & Woodcott	17	46	-	-
Newtown	86	216	-	-
Overton	1,092	3,277	-	-
St. Mary Bourne	359	985	-	-
Tadley	2,333	6,999	-	-
Whitchurch	1,146	3,325	-	-
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Total	8,856	25,530	6	6
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Approximately 89% of the population was served by mains water.

The Southampton Water Department made considerable progress in the laying of water mains extensions. Three further mains extensions were approved by the Council during the year.

## Water Samples

	<u>Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Private Supplies	34	22	12
Public Supplies	52	51	1
Other Water Samples (Watercress Beds)	27	18	9
Totals	<u>113</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>22</u>

The only unsatisfactory sample from public supplies was from Kingsclere and the matter was quickly rectified.

The results of samples taken from swimming baths were :-

	<u>Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Suspicious</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Burghclere Junior	17	15	0	2
Burnham Copse Junior	20	20	0	0
Cheam	6	6	0	0
Horris Hill	9	9	0	0
Hurst Secondary	16	15	1	0
Kingsclere	10	10	0	0
Overton (Lordsfield)	12	12	0	0
Tadley Green	14	14	0	0
Whitchurch	18	18	0	0
Totals	<u>122</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

The swimming bath at Kingsclere School was opened in 1973. The results generally were better than in previous years.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

The details of the year's work are as follows :-

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	11,580	706
2. a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	1,273	112
b) Number infested by (i) Rats	685	99
(ii) Mice	24	0
3. a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	15	1
b) Number infested by (i) Rats	0	0
(ii) Mice	0	0

Pest Control

Pests, other than rodents, dealt with were :-

Wasps	92
Fleas	19
Flies	11
Bees	10
Ants	4
Cockroaches	2
Bed Bugs	1
Squirrels	1

PUBLICITY TALKS

Publicity talks were given to Womens Institutes, Mothers Unions, Wives Groups, etc. In all, fourteen talks were given.



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in respect of the Year 1973 for the Rural District  
of Kingsclere & Whitchurch in the County of Hampshire

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	3	1	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	55	43	15	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	60	46	16	-

2 - No DEFECTS were found or referred to the Department by Her Majesty's Inspector of Factories.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

The number of outworkers employed in the District is 1. The work is in Class 1 - making of wearing apparel.